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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after allowance or after an Office action under *Ex Parte Quayle*, 25 USPQ 74, 453 O.G. 213 (Comm'r Pat. 1935). Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, prosecution in this application has been reopened pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on November 8, 2005 has been entered.

2. A substitute specification *including the claims* is required pursuant to 37 CFR 1.125(a) because the interlineations or cancellations made in the specification or amendments to the claims could lead to confusion and mistake during the examination, issue and printing processes. See 37 CFR 1.125 and MPEP § 608.01(q).

A substitute specification must not contain new matter. The substitute specification must be submitted with markings showing all the changes relative to the immediate prior version of the specification of record. The text of any added subject matter must be shown by underlining the added text. The text of any deleted matter must be shown by strike-through except that double brackets placed before and after the deleted characters may be used to show deletion of five or fewer consecutive characters. The text of any deleted subject matter must be shown by being placed within double brackets if strike-through cannot be easily perceived. An accompanying clean version (without markings) and a statement that the substitute specification contains no new matter must also be supplied. Numbering the paragraphs of the specification of record is not considered a change that must be shown.

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3. The drawings were received on September 20, 2005. These drawings are unacceptable by the Examiner because Applicant should submit the whole set of formal drawings consisting of 11 sheets so that the Office draftsperson may check their formality in total. See Notice Regarding Drawings mailed on July 20, 2005.

4. Applicant and the assignee of this application are required under 37 CFR 1.105 to provide the following information that the examiner has determined is reasonably necessary to the examination of this application. See MPEP §§ 704.10 - 704.14(a).

(a) The name and citation of any *particularly relevant* reference among Applicant's numerous cited references. Applicant is respectfully required to highlight the documents, which have been specifically brought to Applicant's attention and are known to be *most significant*. See suggestion 13 in "Aids to Compliance with Duty of Disclosure" in MPEP 2004;

(b) Identification of pending or abandoned applications filed by the inventor or assigned to the same assignee as the current application that discloses similar subject matter that are not otherwise identified in the current application;

(c) Comments on information of record which raises a question of whether Applicant derived the invention from another under 35 USC 102(f);

(d) Pointing out the patentable novelty, which Applicant thinks the claims present in view of the art disclosed by the references cited. See 37 CFR 1.111(c);

(e) Identification of the support found in the disclosure for means-plus-function language, such as, "tensioner means" in claims 1, 45, 61-63, 79, and 80. See 35 USC 112, paragraph 6; and

(f) Identification of the support for added limitations in the amended claims.

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5. In response to this requirement, please provide copies of each publication which *Applicant authored or co-authored* and which describe the disclosed subject matter of the claimed park brake cable system.

6. In response to this requirement, please provide the title, citation and copy of *each publication (US or foreign) that is a source used for the description of the prior art in the disclosure*. For each publication, please provide *a concise explanation of that publication's contribution to the description of the prior art*.

7. In response to this requirement, please provide the title, citation and copy of each publication (US or foreign) that *Applicant relied upon to develop the disclosed subject matter* that describes the Applicant's invention, particularly as to developing the claimed park brake cable system. For each publication, please provide a concise explanation of the reliance placed on that publication in the development of the disclosed subject matter.

8. In response to this requirement, please provide the title, citation and copy of each document or reference (US or foreign) that the *Applicant relied upon to draft the claimed subject matter*. For each document or reference, please provide *a concise explanation of the reliance placed on that document or reference in distinguishing the claimed subject matter from the prior art*.

9. In response to this requirement, please state whether any search of prior art was performed. If a search was performed, please state the citation for each prior art collection searched. If any art retrieved from the search was considered material to demonstrating the knowledge of a person having ordinary skill in the art to the disclosed park brake cable system, please provide the citation for each piece of art considered and a copy of the art.

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10. In response to this requirement, please provide the names of any products or services that have incorporated the claimed subject matter.

11. In response to this requirement, please state the specific improvements of the subject matter in claims 1, 2, and 22-83 over the disclosed prior art (US or foreign) and *indicate the specific elements in the claimed subject matter that provide those improvements*. For those claims expressed as means or steps plus function, please *provide the specific page and line numbers within the disclosure, which describe the claimed structure and acts*.

12. The fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97 are waived for those documents submitted in reply to this requirement. This waiver extends only to those documents within the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 that are included in the applicant's first complete communication responding to this requirement. Any supplemental replies subsequent to the first communication responding to this requirement and any information disclosures beyond the scope of this requirement under 37 CFR 1.105 are subject to the fee and certification requirements of 37 CFR 1.97.

13. The applicant is reminded that the reply to this requirement must be made with candor and good faith under 37 CFR 1.56. Where the applicant does not have or cannot readily obtain an item of required information, a statement that the item is unknown or cannot be readily obtained may be accepted as a complete reply to the requirement for that item.

14. This requirement is subject to the provisions of 37 CFR 1.134, 1.135 and 1.136 and has a shortened statutory period of two (2) months. EXTENSIONS OF THIS TIME PERIOD MAY BE GRANTED UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a).

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15. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Vinh T. Luong whose telephone number is 571-272-7109.

The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Thursday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor Richard Ridley can be reached on 571-272-6917. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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Luong

March 6, 2006



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